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One of the most significant paradigm shifts in early English drama studies has been the move away from a focus on the individual playwright towards a more holistic understanding of the theatrical context in which plays were produced and performed. This shift has been influenced by the work of scholars such as Marvin Carlson, who have argued that plays must be understood in relation to the specific social, cultural, and economic conditions of their time.

Another major paradigm shift has been the rise of gender studies and feminist criticism. Scholars in these fields have challenged the traditional androcentric view of early English drama, which has tended to marginalize the experiences of women and other marginalized groups. Feminist critics have argued that women played a more active role in the theater than has been previously acknowledged, and that their voices can be heard in the plays of the period.



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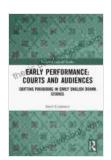
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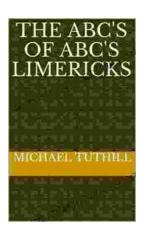
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